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New Town Man Pleads Guilty to Possession of a Firearm
by a Person Convicted of Domestic Violence

BISMARCK - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on July 16, 2010, **Marco L. Salinas**, 31, of New Town, North Dakota, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland to a charge of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of domestic violence.

On October 28, 2009, a person went to the police department in New Town, asking to have Salinas removed from the house where he was staying, because he was out of control. The person reported that Salinas had multiple firearms in the home. Law enforcement personnel determined Salinas had previously been convicted of crimes of domestic violence, which made it illegal for Salinas to possess a firearm, and obtained a federal search warrant for his residence. While conducting the search, law enforcement personnel located a .22 caliber rifle in Salinas's room. Salinas was previously convicted on June 9, 2006, in Mandan Municipal Court, for a simple assault - domestic and on November 24, 2004, in Bismarck Municipal Court, for a simple assault - domestic.

The charge of possession of a firearm by a person convicted of domestic violence carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

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The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Three Affiliated Tribes Police Department.

Sentencing for Salinas has been scheduled for September 30, 2010, in United States District Court in Bismarck, North Dakota, at 2:30 p.m.

Assistant United States Attorney Rick Volk is prosecuting the case.

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